



January 16, 2001

**RE: PENDING CLEC APPLICATION**

David Waddell  
Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

99-00947

Dear Mr. Waddell:

In view of recent revisions to FairPoint's market entry plan, FairPoint hereby formally requests that its pending CLEC application be suspended until further notice from FairPoint.

FairPoint looks forward to resuming the application process at some point in the future, and will provide updated materials on the Authority's request.

Meanwhile, FairPoint does plan to separately file for certification to provide resold long distance services on a wholesale, carrier-to-carrier basis in Tennessee, and will proceed with that filing shortly.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Kent  
Senior Regulatory Counsel